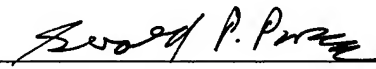


REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Official Action mailed on October 4, 2004. The Office Action objected to the length of the Abstract, which is shortened by the present Amendment. The Office Action also gave a double patenting rejection to claims 24-35 based on U.S. patents 5,909,449 and 6,307,776. Although the claims of the various patents have not been examined in detail to evaluate the validity of the double patenting rejections, a terminal disclaimer is being filed with the present Amendment in order to facilitate the application process.

Consequently, there being no other rejections or objections to the claims, claims 24-35 are now believed allowable. Reconsideration of claims 24-35 and an early indication of their allowability are respectfully requested.

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